

U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan (FL-13) invites you to attend a forum on the problem of prescription drug abuse.

Florida has become known as a prime source of illegal prescription drugs in the eastern United States. Moreover, a recent statewide report indicated that prescription-drug overdoses killed nearly 1,270 people in Florida during the first half of 2010.

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Diversion Control of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Joseph Rannazzisi and Public Affairs Specialist of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Stewart Watson will discuss federal efforts to prevent the illegal access to and abuse of prescription drugs. Florida Attorney General Special Prosecutor, Dave Aronberg will discuss state efforts to stop prescription drug trafficking. Finally, Sarasota County Sheriff Tom Knight and Manatee County Sheriff Brad Steube will discuss local efforts to address this important issue. The Florida Board of Pharmacy has also been invited to participate.

The prescription drug forum will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on February 28, 2011 in the city commission meeting room at Sarasota City Hall, 1565 First Street in Sarasota ([map it](#)).

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